

OFFICIAL  
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## Common Council

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alexandria, Va., held March 23, 1920, there were present:

H. R. Burke, esq., president and Messrs. McCaffrey, Matter, Ruben, Armstrong, Kaufmann, Wattles, Sullivan, Baggett, Lawler, Fletcher, Deavers and Ticer.

The following message was received from the Mayor.

Office of the Mayor,  
Alexandria, Va.,  
March 23, 1920

To the Honorable City Council,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

Gentlemen:—

In a communication addressed to the City Council on Tuesday, February 24th last, referring to claims of the City against the Washington-Virginia Electric Railway Company I stated my intentions to submit for your consideration some matters in regard to our attempted collection of these claims and proposed to speak or write plainly on the indifference real or unintentional, upon the part of the Washington-Virginia Electric Railway Company relative to taxes and licenses due or rather overdue, payable to the city of Alexandria.

As no responses have been made to letters addressed to that company by the Mayor and City Officers, and in order to have the Council fully understand these matters, I request to have read in their order the papers I have the honor to submit for your consideration.

The first is a copy of a letter from myself to the railway company. The second a copy of a letter to Mr. Jas. R. Caton, the legal representative of the Company in this City. The third a copy of a bill for franchise tax and some notes bearing on same which was mailed to the company in February last. You will note the items referred to in my letter to Mr. Caton I give the claims as follows:

Franchise tax and interest \$1,687.75  
City Tax payable to Mr. Gorman \$1,474.07

Tax payable to Mr. Robinson 184.35  
Total \$3,346.17

To which should be added bill for material and labor on track repairs presented by City Engineer 543.30

License tax on 36 cars due June 1, 1919, payable to the Mayor \$186.50,  
\$4,069.97

The Commissioner of Revenue informs me that a report has been made to him of the number of cars operated. I place the number at 36 in the foregoing statement. Right here I desire to inform the Council that I find upon examination that 46 cars was the number given in 1907-08 and has remained the same in intervening years. The correctness in the number of cars reported is not disputed by me, for I do not know anything about it, however, it may appear strange to others as well as myself that the rolling stock of the Company has remained stationary during all these years, and our people and those who visit our City and Mr. Vernon are now made to pay large and considerable advance in both freight and passenger rate to meet what is perhaps an excusable plea, an advance in the cost of everything, yet, it is none the less true in spite of the increase in car fare that at times persons are compelled to stand in aisles and on platform after a scrimmage to ever get on the cars. The indifference "real or unintentional" (and to which have referred) also in so far as the company has given evidence applies to the concessions we made to them and to which they offered no dissent upon the contrary were gladly accepted. Commuters meet and complain as to the increases in car fare and criticize conditions. These complaints, at least upon the surface appear reasonable when the company by the own admission show no increase in cars operated, but a decrease. Having made steamboat traffic over the Potomac for passenger service an impossibility, and now enjoying a monopoly of transit between Washington and Alexandria, perchance this company, or those who control it, may ask in the vernacular of the street, "What are you going to do about it? Really, I do not know! This much in so far as our municipal claims are effected, I think I know. That the right of levy still remains in the Tax Collector's hands. The requirements and obligations of the franchise ordinance is in operation as it effects both Railway Company and the City.

The repairs of the streets used by the Company, between the rails and two feet on each side is incumbent upon and not disputed by the company etc. But all this does not get the money due us by the company and they offer no excuse or explanation as to their "indifference, real or unintentional" as to our requests.

I am averse to taking any drastic action myself or advise others to do so, hence I would like and suggest that your Finance Committee take the communication and other papers for consideration and communicate with Washington-Virginia Electric Railway Company in regard to them.

Very respectfully,  
THOMAS A. FISHER, Mayor

A resolution instructing the Corporation Attorney and tax collector proceed against the Washington-Virginia Railway Company to collect all taxes due the city was offered by Baggett and passed. Ayes 13. Noes 0.

An ordinance for collecting taxes within the city from June 1st, 1920 to May 31st, 1921, with a special additional levy of 50 cents for school purposes was recommended by the Finance Committee and read the second time. An amendment by Mr. Baggett to strike out fifty cents and insert thirty cents, was lost and the ordinance was read the third time and lost. Ayes Messrs. Ticer, Wattles and Burke—3. Noes, Messrs. McCaffrey, Matter, Ruben, Armstrong, Kaufmann, Sullivan, Baggett, Lawler, Fletcher, Deavers—10.

An ordinance to provide for storage, collection and disposal of garbage was recommended by the committee on Health and read the second and third time and passed. Ayes 12. Noes 1 (Mr. McCaffrey.)

Upon recommendation of the committee on streets permission was granted T. M. Dunbar to erect porch rear of 1008 King street.

Upon recommendation of the committee on streets permission was granted W. W. Boyce to install gasoline tank in side walk No. 104 South Washington street.

A resolution appropriating \$5,000 for sweeping streets and collecting ashes was referred to the joint committee on streets and finance.

A resolution appropriating \$85 to repair a room at the Relief Hook and Ladder house was referred to the joint committee on Fire and Finance.

A resolution from the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce relating to enforcement of ordinances for keeping premises clean was received and referred to the committee on health.

A resolution to lease Armory Hall to Mr. Leo M. Sweeney at a rental of \$500 a year was offered by Mr. Lawler and referred to the joint committee on Public Property and Finance.

A petition from A. and H. Gensberger to cover opening leading to private garage rear of property corner of King and Pitt streets was referred to the committee on streets.

A resolution relating to the control and supervision of the City's Alms House also a resolution relating to the removal of ashes, trash and cleaning of streets was received from the board of aldermen and their action concurred in.

The board then adjourned.  
H. R. BURKE, esq., President.  
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Extraordinary  
Home Offerings

200 block North Columbus street, 10-room brick bath, electric lights; small cash payment, rest like rent. Have been offered \$70 a month rent.

400 block, Prince street, brick, 12 rooms, 2 baths; all modern improvements; side yard; garage for four cars.

300 Block South Fairfax street. Frame, seven rooms, sleeping porch, bath, hot-water heat, electric lights and gas.

400 block Wolf street, brick, nine rooms, bath, electric lights, gas, several out-buildings. Lot 105 x 130 feet. Fruit trees, grapes and shrubbery.

1000 block Prince street, brick, 11 rooms, 2 baths, hot air heat, electric lights, extra building lot; house now vacant.

200 block South Royal street, 6 room brick, all modern improvements; small cash payment, rest like rent. Now vacant.

1312 Princess street, 6-room frame, bath, gas, concrete cellar, detached house, newly painted; can be bought for \$2,600—\$500 cash, balance \$25.00 month with interest.

408 North West street, 6 rooms, bath, electric lights, front and back yards, newly painted, first-class condition. Price, \$2,750.

422 North West street, brick, 6 rooms and bath, large side, front and back yard, garage, iron fence all around lot; act quick, this will not stay on the market long, as it will be vacant in several days.

On Hume avenue. Seven room frame, bath, electric lights, cement cellar, front and back porch, garage; nice garden and expensive shrubbery. Price, \$5,000. The second floor rents for \$55 a month.

We have several half acre lots in Braddock which are very cheap.

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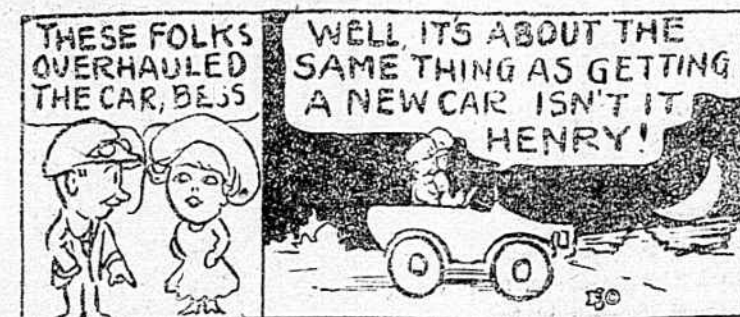
## Colored Homes

600 Block South Washington street—2 each \$1150  
1000 Block Cameron street ..... \$1000  
1200 Block Princess street ..... \$1000  
1000 Block Wythe street ..... \$450  
200 Block South Fayette street —3 ..... \$2100  
400 Block South Columbus street—4 each .... \$550  
400 Block South Columbus street ..... \$850  
400 Block Gibbon street—2 each ..... \$1150  
500 Block South Royal street ..... \$1250

These homes can be purchased on small cash payments, the balance monthly same as rent.

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Henry's wife is right. Having us overhaul a car is almost the same thing as getting a new one. Don't get discouraged if your car is not serving you properly. The chances are that we can persuade it to do the right thing by you.

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Mexican Show Not up to Advertisement and Mayor Imposes Penalty  
Mexicali, Cal., March 24.—Failing to produce a fight between a lion and a bull after advertising such a spectacle for the Mexicali, Mexico, bull ring, the promoter of the show was arrested and fined \$500 by Mayor Eduardo Remos, of Mexicali, "for violating premises to the public."

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Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give without fear.  
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TAKE WARNING! Buy Milk and Cream

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PRICES (Raw or Pasteurized):

MILK—	CREAM—
Quart, 17 cents.	Quart, 70 cents.
Pint, 9 cents.	Pint, 35 cents.
BUTTERMILK—	1/2-pint, 20 cents.
Quart, 15 cents.	Gill, 10 cents.

Give Your Order to Driver, or Phone-524-J  
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